are not being given 25 per cent and 40 per cent free medical treatment facility, respectively, as per the condition in the private hospitals even after providing them lands at cheaper rates by his Ministry and the Delhi Development Authority; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken by Government in this regard and how and by when it would ensure to provide free medical treatment facility to the poor patients in the private hospitals?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) The Ministry is not aware of any such report of Parliamentary Committee on Public Undertakings dealing with free treatment by hospitals allotted and by the Ministry and Delhi Development Authority (DDA). However, the Public Accounts Committee (2004-2005) in its 12th Report, relating to "Allotment of land to private hospitals and dispensaries by Delhi Development Authority (DDA)" has made certain observations and recommendations regarding free treatment of poor patients.

DDA has reported that they have already issued instructions/notices to the concerned hospitals to adhere to the conditions relating to free treatment and this aspect is monitored on a fortnightly basis with the assistance of the Department of Health Services, Govt. of National Capital Territory of Delhi (GNCTD).

Uniform Housing Tax

92. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the draft National Housing Policy has suggested a uniform housing tax for residential units whether they are rented out or not;

(b) whether it is also a fact that rental income would be made tax free; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (c) A Task Force has been set up to review the existing National Housing and Habitat Policy, 1998. No draft policy has yet been prepared.